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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2763

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, EC
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL RESIGNS

REF: QUITO 2691 (NOTAL)

1. BENJAMIN CARRION, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL RESIGNED APRIL 24, CLAIMING POOR HEALTH. THE GOE HAS INDICATED THAT THE RESIGNATION HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED AND THAT IT WILL NAME FEDERICO VIENTIMILLA, A LEADER OF THE ARNE (FALANGIST) POLITICAL PARTY TO FILL THE VACANCY.

2. CARRION, THE GRAND OLD MAN OF ECUADOREAN MARXISM, HAD STRONGLY PROTESTED APRIL 20 THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL'S ACTION OF INITIALLY REJECTING THE APPLICATIONS OF THREE POLITICAL PARTIES, THE RADICAL ALFARIST FRONT, THE POPULAR DEMOCRACY AND THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MPD), FOR LEGAL RECOGNITION AND HAD THREATENED TO RESIGN IF THE DISQUALIFICATION WAS MAINTAINED UPON APPEAL. CARRION MAINTAINED THAT THE TRIBUNAL WAS BEING TOO STRICT IN APPLYING THE POLITICAL PARTY STATUTE.

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3. COMMENT: CARRION'S HEALTH IS PRECARIOUS AND HIS DEPARTURE ON THAT GROUND HAS BEEN EXPECTED. HOWEVER, THE TIMING LIKELY INDICATES HIS DISPLEASURE AT THE DECISION TO DISQUALIFY, IF ONLY PROVISIONALLY, THE THREE PARTIES. CARRION'S DEPARTURE REMOVES THE LAST MAN WHOSE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY WERE UNQUESTIONED FROM THE

TRIBUNAL. MOST OF THOSE REMAINING COULD COME UNDER THE
SUSPICION OF BEING CONTROLLED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT
IF CONTRETEMPS OCCUR.
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